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Montoneros' Threat

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S-00000044)

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1. This date, LEGATT here provided the following. On Oct. 30 the wives of sixteen Chrysler Corp. managers and executives received individually typed letters from the Montoneros threatening death to their husbands if they did not stop exploiting workers and collaborating with the military govt. It was explained to the recipient wives that their husbands' lives could be spared only if they ceased their repressive activities and collaborated with the workers at Chrysler.

2. Each letter contained each executive's exact address and current telephone number. One letter was addressed to a non-existent Mrs. Herb Leshinsky. Leshinsky, Chrysler's South American Manager-Director, is unmarried. In order to guarantee the letters' authenticity, the Montoneros referred to a machinegunning of the Chrysler Febre Argentina administrative

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offices (see para 2 of reftel).

3. This incident is a somewhat different tactic in the terrorists' campaign against U.S. companies. To the best of our knowledge, threat mail in the past has always been addressed to the executives themselves - never directly to their wives. A mail campaign of this kind costs little to the Montoneros in time and labor. However, it is significant that the Montoneros have the executives' correct home addresses - a necessary element in any future attacks on the houses (see para one of reftel).


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